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SUBJ: INDIAN OCEAN

1. THE MORE PUBLIC ATTENTION THAT IS DRAWN TO US INDIAN OCEAN ACTIVITIES THE MORE DIFFICULT IT BECOMES FOR THE SOMALIS TO MAINTAIN THEIR OFFICIAL SILENCE ABOUT DIEGO GARCIA AND OUR INDIAN OCEAN TASK FORCE. SOMALI AGREEMENT TO US REQUEST FOR A SHIP VISIT (CHANCY AT BEST) BECOMES LESS LIKELY. AND A VERY SLIGHT WEIGHT IS THROWN ON THE SCALES IN FAVOR OF SOMALI ACCESSION TO ANY SOVIET DEMANDS FOR MORE FACILITIES (BUT THERE ARE MANY OTHER MUCH MORE WEIGHTY FACTORS ON BOTH SIDES OF SCALE).

2. BETTER RATIONALE FOR OUR INDIAN OCEAN PRESENCE WOULD HAVE VERY MARGINAL IMPACT ON GSDR. SOME INFLUENTIAL SOMALIS QUITE UNDERSTAND BASIS FOR (AND MAY IN FACT NOT BE SORRY TO SEE) AN AMERICAN NAVAL PRESENCE ALONGSIDE THAT OF USSR. OTHERS WILL FIND BLACKEST MOTIVES DESPITE ANY ARGUMENTS. A FEW, BUT VERY FEW, IN MIDDLE MIGHT HAVE THEIR VIEWS CHANGED BY PERSUASIVE ARGUMENTATION.

3. DEMONSTRATION OF US WILLINGNESS TO DISCUSS WITH SOVIETS AND OTHERS WAYS TO REDUCE NAVAL RIVALRY IN INDIAN OCEAN WOULD BE OF HELP TO EXTENT IT IMPROVED OUR REPUTATION AROUND LITTORAL AND REDUCED AURA OF "CONFRONTATION" WITH SOVIETS ON THIS ISSUE - EVEN IF WE DID NOT RPT NOT YIELD "ONE PARTICLE OF SUBSTANCE".

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